Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable James E. Clyburn
Chairman
Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Clyburn and Chairwoman Maloney:

On May 24, 2021, we wrote to you requesting you to join House Republican efforts to hold the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) accountable for its role in unleashing the COVID-19 pandemic.[1] You have ignored that request.

Recent reporting makes this request even more urgent. Just yesterday, thousands of Dr. Anthony Fauci's emails were released via the Freedom of Information Act.[2] His emails debunk many Democrats' claims from the past year that he and other Administration scientists were "muzzled" by the Trump Administration.[3] More importantly, the emails contain new evidence regarding the origins of COVID-19, including the possibility it leaked from a U.S. taxpayer funded laboratory.

It is now imperative that Dr. Fauci come before our Committees to provide information related to the origins of the novel coronavirus as well as the U.S. government's role in funding research that may have contributed to the development of the novel coronavirus. The American people have a right to know what our government knew about the origins of the pandemic and when it was known.

Therefore, we renew our request that you immediately convene hearings to examine the origins of COVID-19, the possibility that it leaked from a CCP-controlled laboratory, and any involvement of U.S. taxpayer funds. Additionally, we request that you demand unredacted versions of all of Dr. Fauci's recently released emails. Your continued inaction while facing

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[1] Letter from Steve J. Scalise, Ranking Member, Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Crisis, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform, & James R. Comer, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform, to James E. Clyburn, Chairman, Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Crisis, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform, & Carolyn B. Maloney, Chairwoman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform (May 24, 2021).

[2] *See* Natalie Bettendorf & Jason Leopold, *Anthony Fauci's Emails Reveal The Pressure That Fell on One Man,* BUZZFEED NEWS (June 1, 2021), https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/nataliebettendorf/fauci-emails-covid-response.

[3] Email from Anthony Fauci to Mark Shlomchik (Mar. 2, 2020) (on file with Comm. staff).

mounting evidence of the CCP's malicious conduct is concerning. Thank you for your attention to this important inquiry.

Sincerely,

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